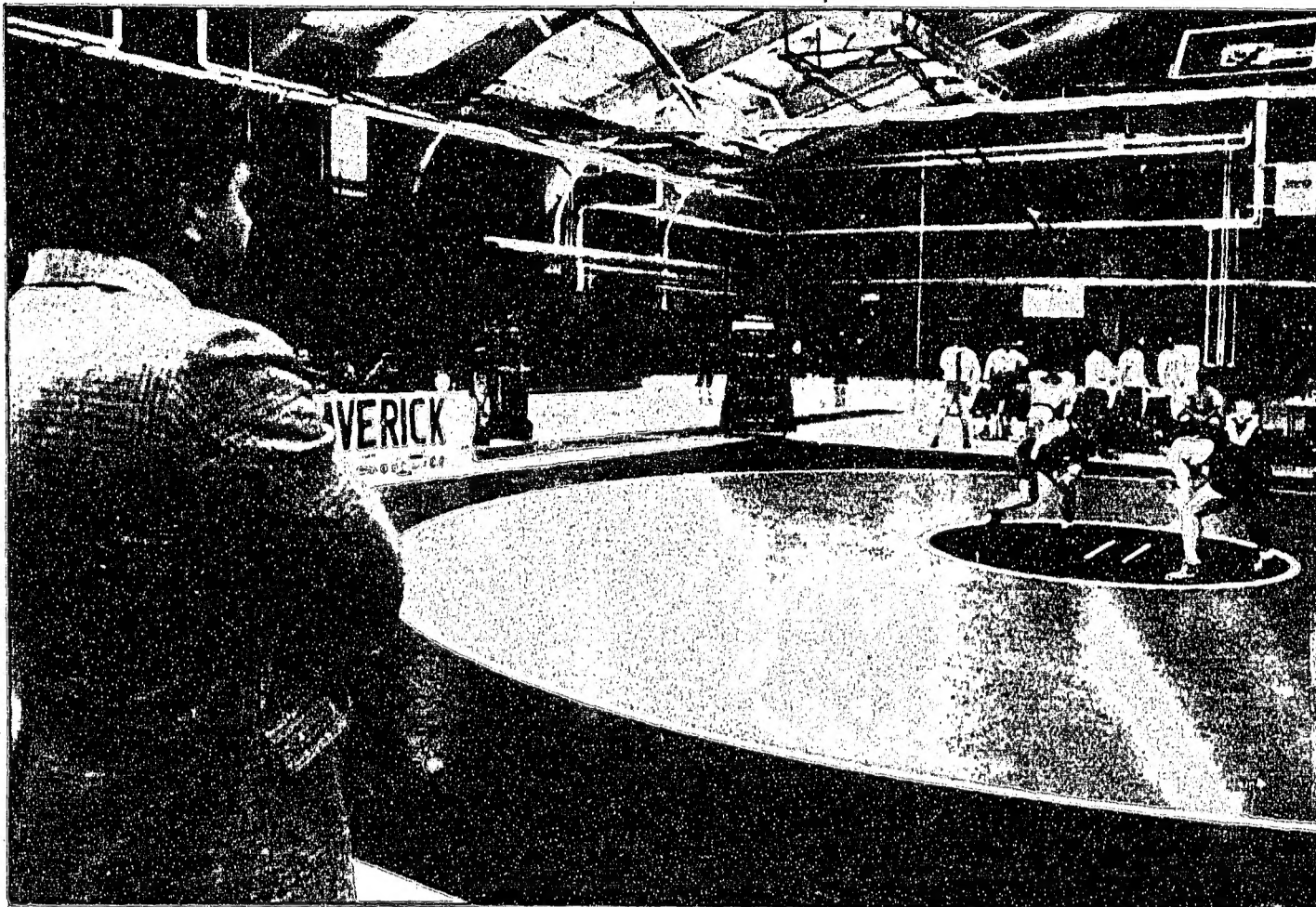


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UNO Wrestling Coach Mike Denney oversees his squad in action at the Maverick Open.

Mavs go for title

By TIM ROHWER

Will history repeat itself for the UNO wrestling team?

Two years ago, the Mavericks won the national championship in Division II, beating out top-ranked Central Oklahoma State University (CSOU) in the finals.

This year, the Mavericks, 12-1, are ranked No. 2 in the polls behind, that's right, CSOU.

Mav Coach Mike Denney says there are many similarities between this team and his 1991 squad.

"This team has the hard work ethics like that team, the same team chemistry and the same leadership. Whether or not we win the national championship remains to be seen, but there are a lot of similarities. It's a nice comparison," he said.

On Sunday, the road to a possible second title begins in the Fieldhouse as UNO hosts the North Central Conference Tournament.

"This is the big event in our confer-

—Ed Carlson

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Regent hopes board can work it out

By KIM DESPINS

Regent Robert Allen thinks the University of Nebraska Board of Regents lacks the teamwork and leadership it needs.

Allen said it was his dissatisfaction in the regents' leadership that prompted him to write a letter to the board, criticizing their actions.

"I was critical of our regent leadership in the last four years that I've been a regent, in that it has caused us to fail," Allen said in a telephone interview.

Allen said that failure stemmed from when former University of Nebraska President Ronald Roskens was asked to step down by the Board of Regents in 1989.

"We had a tremendous failure with Roskens," he said.

Allen said although Roskens offered to work one of the two years remaining on his contract to help with the transition

period, his offer was turned down by a regent. Allen said because of this, the university lost several hundred thousand dollars in settlement pay.

"It was a big, big mistake to handle it the way we did," Allen said. "We turned down a friendly offer, but we ended up in a very unfriendly situation that has been hurting the regents ever since."

Allen said he was disappointed with the manner in which the search process was handled. In 1990, a search committee narrowed down a list of potential candidates to four. The list did not include Interim-President Martin A. Massengale. When the board interviewed Massengale for the position, the four candidates withdrew from contention.

"The university spent a great deal of time and money getting all the top candidates," Allen said.

Allen wrote the letter in hopes the Board of Regents doesn't conduct the coming presidential search in the same manner as the last.

"The point of coming out with the critical letter that I did was to try and keep us from repeating the same mistakes," Allen said.

"We're all elected to represent a different district. Everyone of us should have a part in these important decisions."

"The indication that they had changed their ways was the meeting last Nov. 15 at Regent (Charles) Wilson's home at which time they told Martin his contract would not be renewed."

Five regents met last November with Massengale to discuss his future as president, Allen said. Soon after that meeting, Massengale announced his plans not to ask for a contract extension.

Regent Rosemary Skrupa agreed with Allen that the meeting at Wilson's home was not a good idea.

"I don't believe in secret meetings," she said. "I believe that while the majority rules, I think that the minority ought to have a chance for some input."

Regent Nancy Hoch wrote a memo signed by all the regents to Allen in reply to his letter, Skrupa said.

"I think it was a strong suggestion to Robert that it would be better to handle things internally," Skrupa said, "rather than to go public with everything and do your laundry in public."

"I think his facts were in order," she said. "I don't agree with making a public issue of it, because it would have been better to just thrash it out between us and go on."



"I think it's just water under the bridge now."

—Rosemary Skrupa, NU regent

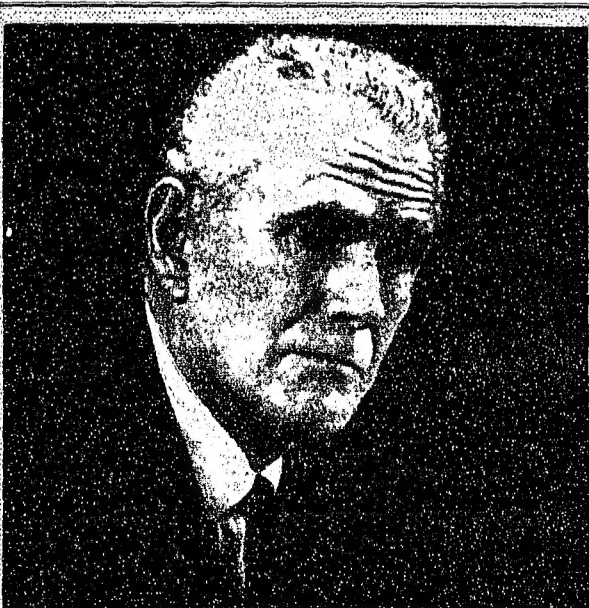
Skrupa said she understands Allen's position on the Board of Regents and his concern for the university system.

"I have high regard for Robert and a great deal of respect," she said, "because he really cares about the university system. I think it's just water under the bridge now."

Allen said he hopes the board can work out its problems and get on with finding a new president and dealing with university budget cuts.

"Hopefully we can thrash it out now, get this out of our system and get it settled so this summer we can get on with the (presidential) search and get an outstanding person," Allen said.

"If we screw this up this time, it would be a crying shame."



"It was a big, big mistake to handle it the way we did."

—Robert Allen, NU regent

Newhouse announces UNO 'plan of attack'

By Dave Boryga

The Legislature's proposed 13.8 million dollar cut for the NU system was the subject of a press conference held by UNO Student President/Regent Jennifer Newhouse Tuesday.

Both Newhouse and UNMC Student Senate President Pam Kohlmeier gave a call to action to NU students and faculty in an attempt to have the proposed cuts re-evaluated.

"These cuts are a real and visible danger," Newhouse said. "Education is the building block of the advancement of Nebraska as a whole."

Newhouse said ramifications of the cuts could be deferred maintenance, less funding for research, less instructional equipment, and loss of quality faculty.

"Education quality would be decreased with the loss of funding," she said. "It would not be feasible or probable to have an across the board cut for UNO students or any student in the university system."

Newhouse called for a five-part "UNO plan of attack" that would include rallying the four universities in the NU system.

"They will come together in this to try to hinder these cuts," Newhouse said.

Part two of the effort would include a letter-writing campaign to the Legislature sponsored by the Council for Community and Legislative Relations. She said a booth would be set up in the Student Center where students may post their opinions on the proposed cuts.

The third part of the plan consists of visiting the State Capitol on March 9, the day the Legislature will conduct hearings with university officials.

Newhouse said she is hopeful that all four campuses would participate in the lobbying effort.

"We will rally," Newhouse said. "We will pack the appropriations committee's room and show them that, yes, students do have input, do have concerns, and we will be heard."

Part four of the plan includes distributing fliers that would request student action.

The last part of the plan would be to seek help from outside the university system in the lobbying effort.

This aid would come from alumni, relatives of students, and various members of the community, Newhouse said.

Following Newhouse, Kohlmeier attacked the proposed cuts by the appropriations committee.

"I feel it is a shame that our state government is acting more and more like a group of businessmen as opposed to a group whose primary concern is the betterment and enrichment of our state," Kohlmeier said.

Kohlmeier said that even though the university system receives more money than any other state agency, the Legislature needs to realize the ramifications of such cuts.

"Each program and curriculum in the state of Nebraska was created due to a perceived need," Kohlmeier said, "therefore just don't assume that the University of Nebraska has the cushion to adjust."



—Ed Carlson

But is it art?

Melissa Lubash, a freshman majoring in education, studies slides for a class Thursday.

Resolution aims to open more classes

By Kim Despins

Skipping class may lose some popularity on campus with a new resolution passed by the Faculty Senate.

The resolution recommends that departments affected by large numbers of closed classes consider a policy that would disenroll students who don't show up for the first class period.

"There's concern that a lot of people are closed out of classes essentially in a misleading fashion, because there are people who apparently sign up for classes and don't intend to attend or never show up," said Carl Camp, president of Faculty Senate. "So students who can't get in are unfairly treated in that regard."

Camp said the resolution is aimed at addressing problems

with many closed classes. He said the Faculty Senate hopes it will create room for people who are on waiting lists for classes.

"We're hoping that it will make a difference if a large number of classes that have been experiencing closed classes choose to adopt this policy and include it in their class schedules," he said.

Camp said he isn't sure if many departments will adopt the policy.

"I really don't have a feel for it at this time," he said. "There are a number of them that do presently."

The chemistry, history and mathematics departments currently have policies which disenroll students who don't show up for class during the first week of class. Departments are not

required to adopt the policy, Camp said.

"It's up to the departments," he said.

"There have been a few departments that have announced such a policy and it is within the prerogative of the faculties in each of the departments to establish workable policies, management policies like this one," Camp said.

"Since it has been working for departments like chemistry and math and history, members of the Senate felt it might be something that other departments were not familiar with and they might like to try."

The policy has been used in the past by various departments, Camp said. The Faculty Senate passed the resolution "to indicate that there was no university objection to the departments doing such a thing."



NU President Martin Massengale hopes to ease the transition for his successor.

President would stay

Although NU President Martin A. Massengale's contract ends at the end of 1993, he would like to stay through the end of the '94 school year.

Massengale said Board of Regents Chairman John Payne asked him to extend his contract until June 30, 1994, after Legislature has ended its session.

"I think the transition is much easier at that time of year," Massengale said.

Not everyone agrees that Massengale will have much influence on the Legislature as it reviews budget cuts for the NU system.

Regent Robert Allen questioned the exiting president's influence with the Legislature.

"I'm opposed to it," Allen said. "He's not going to carry weight. The new person will carry some weight, but not the person that's leaving."

Allen also said the extension will slow the process of finding a new president. Regent Rosemary Skrupa disagrees with Allen's theory.

"I support it because it's logical," she said. "It carries him through the end of the academic school year. That gives us a couple months on the side for extra time."

Skrupa said the board hasn't begun looking for candidates yet, but a few names have surfaced for potential candidates. She said a search committee hasn't been formed yet.

"There's no big rush since we do have a good lead time," Skrupa said.

She said the board first needs to decide what it wants in a candidate and what to look for as far as background experience.

The regents will vote on Massengale's extension at their March meeting.

Jazz festival at UNO

The 21st Annual Great Plains Jazz Festival will be held in the Student Center Feb. 26 and 27.

Friday's performance starts at 8 p.m. and will feature four student combos. Guest artists Luigi Waites on drums, Curt McKean on saxophone, Jay Wise on trombone and Steven Rehbein on vibraphone will perform with the combos.

Saturday's concert begins at 7:30 p.m. It will feature the UNO Jazz Ensemble under the direction of Steven Rehbein. Performing with the ensemble will be the festival adjudicators and the outstanding Junior/Senior High School Jazz Ensemble as selected by the judges from the festival competition.

Individual concert ticket prices are \$5 for Friday and \$6 for Saturday, which includes admission to all clinic sessions.

A two-day festival ticket can be purchased for \$10.

Tickets are available UNO's Band Office, Schmidt's Music West Dodge Store and Joe Voda's Drum City. For more information, call the UNO Band Office at 554-3352.

Opinions and Viewpoints

Clinton a little too convincing

Voters were warned about this a long time ago. George Bush told us to watch out for our wallets because Clinton was going to tax and spend.

Clinton got elected because he was able to convince enough voters he was not going to raise taxes on middle income families and would create jobs.

America was going to invest in America.

Clinton's first mistake was in convincing everyone he didn't know how high the deficit actually was. Abraham Lincoln once said, "You can fool some of the people all of the time, you can fool all of the people some of the time, but you can't fool all of the people all of the time."

Americans, who have already been sacrificing by paying a fair share of taxes, can't be fooled every time by Clinton.

Clinton's second mistake was in proposing an energy tax that resembles the one opposing candidate Paul Tsongas invented during the primaries. Americans should remember the negative impact that higher energy prices, either from increased taxes or price hikes, have had on the economy in the past.

Inflation rose dramatically in the aftermath of the 1973 arab oil embargo. The economy took a dive after oil prices went up substantially after Iraq invaded Kuwait.

Bush said "Read my lips: No new taxes" in 1988, but he had



Kevorkians are everywhere

DAREN SCHRAT columnist

to raise them and got politically crucified. What is worse is how Clinton backed away from a campaign promise to not raise taxes on the middle class by proposing the biggest tax increase in American history.

It is not the president's or the government's responsibility to give everyone a job. The government can't afford to cater to the open hands that voted for Clinton. The government is broke. And it is a fact that most jobs are created by small businesses that are created and given an opportunity to thrive under the American open market system. Clinton has to be careful not to undermine this institution.

Through higher taxes, many businesses will have a shortfall in capital to invest in expansion that creates more jobs. These small businesses will fight to survive and will simply ride out the storm.

The worst part of Clinton's plan is he failed to identify the spending cuts as much as he identified what he wants to spend billions on to supposedly boost the already improving economy and reduce the deficit. But since when is spending a method of reducing costs? And as many Republicans have asked, "Where is the money going to come from?"

The question has to be asked. Are the tax increases going toward cutting the deficit or to more government spending?

An increase in taxes is favored by a majority of Americans to reduce the deficit. Clinton appears to be more inclined to raise taxes to allow more spending, what he calls investing. It is spending no matter what it is called.

However, the public is paying enough to solve the deficit dilemma, yet they are willing to pay more to solve it in order to move on. The government owes it to the willing to address the issue of how much money our government wastes and to take action to cut such waste.

It is government waste that brought on the deficit. Now the same wasteful government wants us to pay for it through higher taxes that Clinton sugar coats as patriotic sacrifice.

The health care issue is nearly as complex as solving the deficit, but the creation of a federal health care system is not within the government's means. In other words, the deficit needs to be erased before a dime can be spent on "investments."

Health care for all Americans is a great idea, but Hillary Rodham-Clinton is going to have a hard time creating a health care program that won't contribute to the deficit.

Unless Clinton gets specific about what spending he means to cut, his plan will never gain acceptance from the politicians, let alone the people. And the deficit won't be reduced. Taxpayers are willing to pay more only if it is understood the taxes are intended to cut the debt.

Clinton and Washington politicians need to knuckle down and cut the wasteful spending rather than knuckle under and give the taxpayer a knuckle sandwich. They are elected to spend our tax dollars efficiently and are responsible for going over the budget. Hopefully, Clinton's notion to change doesn't leave taxpayers with nothing but change.

Looking to end it all?

Well, search no further, fellow Americans. Dr. Jack Kevorkian is at your service.

If you're just tuning in, Dr. Kevorkian and his travelling suicide machine have been on a rampage lately, and the big question on everyone's mind is, "What's up, Doc?"

Suddenly, Dr. Death (as he's known to his close friends) has got a burr under his saddle and is galloping rapidly across the country on some sort of personal mission to end the lives of the hopeless.

That's right, folks! If you're looking to kill yourself, then this is your month. Suicide has never been so easy, or so cheap! Bring a friend with you—two for the price of one! Children under 10 (and pets) free! Trying to find a unique gift for that special someone? There's no better way to say I love you than by showering them with carbon monoxide!

Just when you thought you knew where you stood on the Right to Life vs. the Right to Choose debate; now you have to deal with the right to kill yourself. Of course, at this moment, policy makers are fumbling through law books in a desperate attempt to disarm Dr. Kevorkian. Starting March 30th, assisted suicide will be illegal in Michigan.

But is Dr. Kevorkian the dangerous one?

What about the numerous other Kevorkianites out there who are tempting victims into forking out big bucks for the use of their suicide machines.

Take the Bungee-Cord-Kevorkians, for example. Surely these suicide inducers are much more of a risk than the real Kevorkian. Their suicide devices are not always guaranteed to work—sometimes you live! However, the ones who attempt

suicide with these over-sized rubber bands often come back until they finally get it right. The fact that these bungee-jumping suicide contraptions are "fun" to use makes them all the more dangerous.

What about parachuters? Definitely textbook Kevorkianites. It's not bad enough to just go off by themselves and attempt to end their lives, they feel the need to drag other hapless victims down with them. Consider the name they have given their suicide device; the "parachute." By definition, as interpreted by Webster's Dictionary, the "parachute" is described as follows: "a cloth contrivance usually shaped like an umbrella when expanded, and used to retard the falling speed of a person or thing dropping from an airplane."

Potential suiciders can be trained for this sort of death-wish in a single lesson. At the end of a brief instruction period, an instructor hooks up the suicidee to a parachute, pats them on the back for good luck, and then pushes them out of the plane. For the more timid suiciders, an equally psychotic instructor will strap their body to yours, which is connected to the parachute, and then attempt suicide with you. My friend Dave tried it once. But upon leaping from the plane, with the instructor secured to his body, Dave lost control of his bladder and thus, became the wet blanket, as it were.

Again, this type of suicide is far more threatening to society than Dr. Kevorkian's machine, because, like bungee-jumping, parachuting is considered "fun" and is not always fatal.

In the end, other states may follow Michigan's lead by banning Kevorkian's suicide machine. But, fear not, there are still many options out there for you which remain legal.

Did I mention kindergarten teaching?

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Rick Richards, left Izzy Stradlin, Jimmy Ashhurst and Charlie Quintana make up the Ju Ju Hounds.

Ju Ju Hounds mix style and success

No one seemed to know where Izzy Stradlin went when he abruptly quit Guns N' Roses and the band went so far as to include a "Where's Izzy?" sign in one of their videos. The guitarist had simply retreated to his hometown of Lafayette, Ind., to rest and plan a solo career.

"I've known Axl (Rose) a long time and I still have a lot of feelings for those guys, but I had to leave to get sane and somewhat normal," Stradlin said in a press release. "I couldn't really get through to anybody."

Stradlin began working with bassist Jimmy Ashhurst, formerly of Broken Homes, and the two decided more musicians were needed for their material. After making some calls, former Georgia Satellites guitarist Rick Richards and drummer Charlie Quintana completed the band, dubbed the Ju Ju Hounds.

Stradlin's solo material is a stew of musical styles. Everything from roots reggae to punk finds its way into the band's refreshing repertoire. Even a Southern blues rocker like Richards enjoys the reggae groove.

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"I'm a big fan of reggae," he said in a phone interview. "I'm glad that someone is getting into it. I think we touched a lot of bases and it was a real natural progression."

Another natural progression was Stradlin's success. The first single, "Shuffle It All," has been on the charts since it was released and has been compared to Keith Richards' solo work. Stradlin and the band, however, don't mind the comparison. According to Rick Richards, the band would rather be in that category.

The Ju Ju Hounds made a Valentine's Day stop in Omaha on their premiere world tour. Stradlin simply proclaimed, "Let's play some songs," and got things started with a fast-paced rocker called "Bucket O' Trouble." That was quickly followed by another track called "Cuttin' the Rug."

Stradlin did little more than announce song titles all night and let his guitar speak for him. Trading blues riffs with Richards and making faces, the band rollicked their way through the set. Meanwhile, Richards was aptly proving his versatility with blues reggae rhythms.

"Time Gone By" was the slowest and only acoustic song in the set. The rest were faster-paced songs like "Train Tracks" and the souped-up reggae cover of "Pressure Drop." Even "Shuffle It All" got re-arranged with a little reggae flavor in the middle, giving the single a new flavor.

For the encore, Richards got out his guitar slide and worked his way into a solo version of "Little Red Rooster." The rest of the band ambled on stage and tore into a fast-paced cover of Muddy Water's "Highway 49." After some shouts from the crowd, Richards belted his way through the Georgia Satellites hit, "Battleship Chains" and Stradlin finished with a new song called "Goodnight Tonight."

Richards said he sees a future for Stradlin and the Ju Ju Hounds.

"We'll either tour, or go back in the studio. We have definite plans for a second album," he said. "The second one will be more collaborative."

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School of Fish looking for right combo

School of Fish is an ever changing group that hasn't found the right members. Guitarist Mike Ward and Josh Clayton are the core members and according to Ward, they are always looking for the right combination.

"We're always trying to find the right guys to play with," Ward said in a phone interview. "We're still hoping to get a solid line up together."

For now the two other members of the group are drummer Chad Fischer and bassist Chris McDonald.

School of Fish burst onto the college music scene a little over a year ago with a debut album featuring the college radio favorite "3 Strange Days." After nine months on the road and various personnel changes, the band was ready to go back in the studio.

"We just write at home and pass tapes. We don't get together and jam," was how Ward explained the band's writing process. "Josh is better at lyrics. I'm still trying to find my style lyrically."

After a false start, the band found a new producer and began recording. According to Ward, the material is usually ready to record before going to the studio, eliminating any studio pre-

production. The result of the latest session is "Human Cannonball," the band's second release.

Set for release Feb. 23, "Human Cannonball" is a collection of medium to slow tempo pop songs. Some are overly repetitious, while others contain elements give the collection a new feel.

Ward's current favorite is the first track, "Complicator." It's a fast-paced track that gives a

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quick introduction to the rest of the album.

"I like "Complicator" 'cause it's so damn grungy," Ward said. "That's kind of what we wanted to do and we didn't pull it together on the first album."

"Take Me Anywhere" is the first single, but isn't the best candidate. It's much more lethargic compared to "Everyword" which is easily a strong single. Other songs like "1/2 A Believer" and "Blackout" have strong guitar-based grooves and lyrics that flow and stick in the mind.

The slower tracks, like "Fountain" and "Drag," give the effort a pace, but don't stray too far from the rest of the songs. Ward has time to play with the melody on these slower songs and the results are dream like.

During the recording of the album a microphone was left open to collect ambient noise. Anything happening in the area was picked up and sometimes used in songs. According to Ward, the noise in the song "Everyword" is bicycle spokes spinning against a guitar pick.

A lot of the tracks on "Human Cannonball" sound similar and the vocals have to create the atmosphere. There are refreshing changes, like the working beat of "Blackout" and the acoustic blues of "Lament," but the rest is heavy guitar-driven pop. It's a good effort, just a little repetitious at times.

Currently, School of Fish is planning to go on the road and expect to begin in Phoenix, Ariz., the first week of March. Ward says he prefers to play small clubs.

"Small clubs are a lot more fun," he said. "Colleges are pretty cool, unless you have to play in the lunch room."

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Poundstone keeps hectic pace

The laughs keep coming for Paula Poundstone. The comedian recently received the CableACE "Best Stand-Up Comedy Special" award for her show, "Cats, Cops and Stuff." Last month, she appeared on three successive broadcasts of "The Tonight Show With Jay Leno," sending live reports from the site of inaugural events in Washington.

In one of those reports, Poundstone received tips from an etiquette expert about how to sit, then rise to meet the president at an Inaugural Ball. During a telephone interview Wednesday from Memphis, where she was performing, Poundstone explained she never had the opportunity to use the expert's advice.

"All of it would have been valid had there been a place to sit

or were the president available for greeting, but it was mostly all these people standing in a really smooshed crowd for a couple of hours while music played."

Poundstone, who will begin contributing regularly to the *Mother Jones* news magazine in the next several months, said she injects some politics into her work as a humorist because "it's an interest and a part of my life."

Another interest, Poundstone said, is reading, a passion she attributes to her high school teachers.

"A bunch of people who are teachers from my high school and were teachers when I was there are still good friends of mine, which is a nice thing," she said. "They planted a seed in terms of education, because as an adult, I'm a fairly avid reader and take

up close ...

by elizabeth tape

an interest in history and politics."

Currently, Poundstone is reading "First Ladies: The Saga of Presidents' Wives and Their Power from 1789—1961."

"It's incredibly thick, and is taking me a really long time to get into," she said. "I'm also reading the NAACP magazine."

Part of her interest in reading the magazine, Poundstone explained, is she is "in the process of becoming a foster parent."

About this new aspect of her life, she said (with a chuckle) that people ask her, "What about when you go away?" ... as if that never crossed my mind."

In fact, Poundstone usually travels 45 weeks out of the year.

As she does travel around the nation, she concentrates on universal issues, in part because "Mostly, what I know about an area is what I see between the airport and the hotel."

Poundstone makes a stop at Peony Park Feb. 21 at 7 p.m. Tickets are available at all Ticketmaster locations.



"She Stoops To Conquer" comes to the UNO stage February 25-27 and March 3-6. All performances begin at 8 p.m. In the Experimental Theatre of UNO's Fine Arts Building. Jesse Neese, left, and Amy Radcliffe appear in the UNO production.



Paula Poundstone will be in Omaha Feb. 21. —file photo

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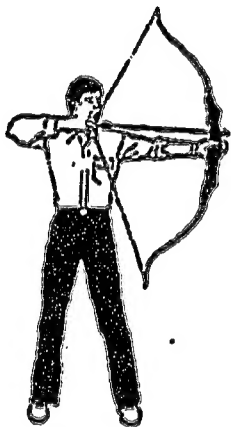
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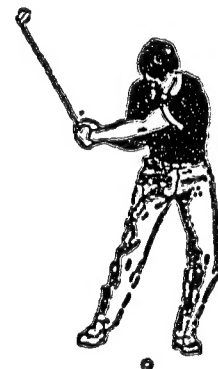


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5 ON 5 BASKETBALL BEGINS

The 1993 intramural basketball, soccer began on January 31. All together there are 36 basketball teams, 10 soccer teams and 2 divisions in racquetball.

The chase for the playoffs has began with last years champion, UNLV led by captain Tony Gunter, returning for another shot at the title. Top challengers are: Bomb Squad, PIKE A, Sig Ep A, Sooners, and Fun-N-Run

The Intramural Sports Basketball Top 10.

Team	Record	Points
1. UNLV	2-0	1,000
2. Fun-N-Run	2-0	977
3. Sooners	2-0	852
4. PIKE A	2-0	822
5. Sig Ep A	2-0	821
6. Bomb Squad	2-0	799
7. The Jayhawks	2-0	523
8. e=mc ²	2-0	421
9. The Mailmen	2-0	229
10. Ain't Nothing	2-0	177

(others receiving votes: Sons of Vic, Richard Craniums, Paddy Murphy's, and Pigs)

Next week Intramural soccer and more basketball.



Lady Mav pitcher Amy Boyd, one of three returning seniors for UNO, fires one in last season's action. —FLA PHOTO

Softball squad relies on seniors

By TIM ROHWER

Even though the current weather seems more suitable for ice fishing, the UNO softball season is fast approaching.

In less than a month, Coach Mary Yori's Lady Mavs will kick off their home season against Northwest Missouri State University.

Other home games will include Dana College, Central Oklahoma State University, College of St. Mary's and various North Central Conference (NCC) teams.

During spring break, UNO will play in a tournament in Florida, featuring teams from around the country such as Wayne State University in Michigan, Colgate University in New York, Chapman College in California and the University of Tampa in Florida.

To get ready for this schedule, the Lady Mavs have been working for quite some time already, Yori said.

"We started on Jan. 12, so we've had four weeks of practice already," she said Wednesday. "We practice about four or five nights a week. We've gotten a lot accomplished."

1993 should be a good year for the Lady Mavs, according to Division II softball

coaches. In the preseason coaches' poll recently released, UNO is ranked No. 8 in the nation.

Yori, though, said she's not too sure of that outlook.

"I think it's unrealistic at this time to be ranked eighth," she said. "What the coaches probably did was look at last year's record and the fact that our two top pitchers are coming back. But we lost five starters from last year's team, including our entire infield."

Last year, the Lady Mavs had a 33-13-1 record, good enough for their third straight trip to the NCAA Midwest Regional Tournament, where they lost to the eventual national champion Missouri Southern University.

Three key players in the 1992 team, Yori said, were pitchers Amy Boyd and Amy Pick and catcher Val Upenicks, who all return this year as seniors.

"The pitching and catching should be the strength of the team. Those three seniors are going to be a big part of our success, or failure, whatever the case may be. There's going to be some weight on their shoulders, but they're good players," Yori said.

Despite the loss of five starters, Yori said

her team will have plenty of talent, including two players who transferred from the same junior college.

"We have Deb Baetsle at first base and Michala Lehotak at third base, both from Indian Hills Community College," she said. "They're good hitters who should bring added power to our lineup."

Diahann Armstrong and Sheila Donahoe are two other players Yori praised.

"Diahann, who will play shortstop, will be our lead off batter. She's quick and makes our team go. Diahann was the NCC Newcomer of the Year last season and tied a school record for stolen bases."

Sheila in center field will be our biggest strength in the outfield. She's got good range and a strong arm," Yori said.

Besides UNO, the NCC should have several good teams this year, she added.

"Augustana is ranked No. 3 in the preseason poll. They're picked to win the conference and Morningside has all its starters returning. Mankato State and South Dakota State will have good teams. There's a lot of parity in our conference," Yori said. "We have our work cut out for us, but I'm optimistic."

Tyson not given chance to fight

The winner, by a knockout: The Indiana court system.

The Indiana court system and Superior Court Judge Patricia Gifford, in particular, scored a first-round knockout in the prosecution of former heavyweight boxing champ Mike Tyson, now serving a six-year prison sentence for rape.

The question here is not whether Tyson is guilty or innocent. The question is how could a judicial system allow a judge who has worked with the Battered Women's Society to preside over a rape case? If one of the jurors had this same background, would they have been allowed to serve on the trial?

Proof that Judge Gifford was al-

TERRY LEE sports columnist

ready biased against Tyson was her refusal to hear what Tyson's appeal attorney, Alan Dershowitz calls "tools of evidence." Evidence which may have given Tyson a fairer trial.

In recent interviews on various television shows, jurors on the Tyson trial said if these "tools" had been allowed in court, they would have made different decisions during their deliberation.

I don't know about you, but when jurors say things like that on television, I think that's pretty serious. In other words, Tyson was hung before he set foot in that Indiana courtroom.

Tyson may not be a model citizen by any means, but you have to feel some compassion for the guy. He was basically thrown into a courtroom boxing match without any weapons to defend himself.

Now before you start writing your letters to the editor about how I'm supporting rape and a rapist, I must tell you that's not my motive of this column. My motive here is to point out that although our constitution says every man has the right to a fair trial, it wasn't applied Mike Tyson's case.

If he did rape Desiree Washington, then he should pay, but only after ALL the facts have been weighed and not just the ones a judge wants the jurors to hear.

Until all the questions are answered, it's hard to tell who is really the victim of this affair.

UNO hoopsters brace for Coyote invasion Friday

By TIM ROHWER

The top men's basketball team in the North Central Conference (NCC), the University of South Dakota, invades the UNO Fieldhouse Friday night to play the Mavericks.

And while these Dakota players may be called the Coyotes, they may be playing as a bunch of hornets.

"They could be madder than a hornet," Mav Coach Bob Hanson said referring to the Coyotes' loss to Morningside College Tuesday evening.

South Dakota, currently ranked No. 4 in Division II, comes into the game with a conference-leading record of 13-1. South Dakota won 20 straight games before Tuesday's loss to Morningside, which is UNO's opponent Saturday night.

This will be the second game of the season between the Mavs and the Coyotes with UNO losing the first game, 66-57, in Vermillion, S.D., in January.

Hanson said his team played well in that game, and therefore,

is optimistic about Friday's contest.

"We outrebounded them and their leading scorer, Chris Jones, had just 14 points. We got inside pretty good against them

"They're a veteran team and will have the experience factor over us. But I don't think they have any height advantage."

—Bob Hanson, UNO basketball coach

and Ray Howard had a good game. We'll be ready to play," he said.

Jones, a forward, and guard John Brenegan are two Coyote

players Hanson is impressed with.

"Jones is an outstanding athlete. He's had some amazing dunks. John Brenegan is one of the top three-point shooters in the country," he said. "The team has outstanding three-point shooters and inside shooters."

Possibly the biggest advantage for the Coyotes is their experience, Hanson added.

"They have one senior, but about six or seven juniors. They're a veteran team and will have the experience factor over us. But I don't think they have any height advantage," he said.

The Mavs come into this weekend's action in last place in the NCC with a 0-13 record. The Morningside Chiefs are 9-5 in the NCC.

Morningside beat the Mavs earlier in the year 80-73. UNO has played Morningside more than any other school with Saturday's game marking the 77th meeting between the two schools. The Mavericks lead the series, 42-34.

Both games start at 8:05 p.m.

ence. Half of the top 10 teams in nation are going to be there. I suppose there may be a slight advantage for us being in your own territory and sleeping in your own bed. But it's going to be a great battle," Denney said.

Besides UNO, wrestling fans will be able to watch No. 3 ranked North Dakota State University (NDSU), No. 6 ranked University of North Dakota (UND), No. 7 ranked Mankato State University (MSU) and No. 10 ranked South Dakota State University (SDSU). Northern Colorado University (NCU), ranked No. 14, will also attend.

"The NCC is by far the toughest conference. We chop each other up. You'll see some national champion wrestlers. You'll see the best of Division II," Denney said.

Some of the top wrestlers to perform Sunday, according to Denney, include No. 1 ranked Mike Pankratz of SDSU in the 126-lb. division, No. 1 ranked Lloyd Wurm of NDSU in the 134-lb. division, No. 1 ranked Lance Koenig of NDSU in the 167-lb. division and No. 1 ranked Brian Loeffler of SDSU in the 190-lb. division.

UNO will feature three wrestlers who won All-American honors last year in Marc Bauer in the 126-lb. division, Dan Radik in

the 177-lb. division and Pat Kelly in the 190-lb. division.

About 35 wrestlers will qualify for the national tournament to be held March 5-6 at South Dakota State University, Denney said.

"The top three finishers in each of the ten weight classes will automatically qualify, plus there will be five so-called wild card qualifiers," Denney said. "I remember in 1991, UNO had seven wrestlers qualify. This is what so special; it's an individual thing, yet it's also a team thing because the higher you finish, the more points your team gets," Denney said.

Denney declined to predict another national championship for UNO, saying it is performance that matters.

"We never predict how we will finish. The main thing we stress is to go out there and perform well," he said. "But if we wrestle Sunday like we did last Saturday (when UNO beat Southern Colorado 30-9), then we should do well. It's going to be fun."

First round matches begin at 10 a.m. with semi-finals starting at noon. The finals start at 7 p.m. Admission is \$4 for adults, \$3 for UNO and other students per session. All day tickets are \$6 for adults, \$4 for students.

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